

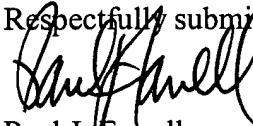
**REMARKS**

Independent Claims 10, 13, 16, and 19 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 11-12, 14-15, and 17-18, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective independent claims.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 10-19, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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